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CONTINUOUS MEASUREMENT AND REGULATION OF THE ACETATE AND

TRIACETIN LEVELS IN FILTER RODS OF THE TOBACCO PROCESSING INDUSTRY

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.